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TO: Honorable Terry M. Wilson, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1527 by Alders (relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain peace officers.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined due to a lack of data to estimate the number of peace officers that would participate in qualified degree programs.

The bill would expand the applicability of the exemption from payment of tuition and laboratory fees for certain peace officers by removing the current restriction of a course being a criminal justice or law enforcement course, removing the current restriction of a student being an undergraduate, and expanding the definition of a law enforcement-related degree program for which a student must be enrolled. While the fiscal impact cannot be determined, it would be dependent upon the number of peace officers that would participate in qualified degree programs.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 717 Texas Southern University, 719 Texas State Technical College System Administration, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 775 Texas Woman's University System, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University of Houston System Administration, 966 Howard College, 978 San Jacinto College

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